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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In accordance with the usual custom, and in compliance with the By-Laws of the town, the following Report is respectfully submitted: —

The business connected with the several departments of town affairs has been conducted, as we trust, to the acceptance of the citizens, and in the manner most conducive to their interests.

The cost has been, in nearly all cases, kept within the amount of the appropriations. The only exception of any amount is for the support of the poor. The causes which have led to this result are manifest to the most careless observer. The severe and long-continued depression of business, and the consequent scarcity of employment, have caused many who have hitherto supported themselves to need the helping hand, and those who in the past have received aid in small amounts have been compelled to call for still larger ones. This condition of things will probably continue until a revival of business takes place, and employment is more plentiful and remunerative. For these reasons we have recommended a larger appropriation than that of last year.

The surveyors of highways have performed their duties faithfully and honestly, and the condition of the roads is as good as can reasonably be expected

under the present faulty system, with the means at their command. In addition to the work performed by the surveyors, there has been a large sum of money (more than five hundred dollars) expended on Commercial Street by the Hon. Caleb Stetson, to whose liberality and public spirit the town is largely indebted.

The special appropriations, made at the last annual meeting, have been expended for the various purposes for which they were intended. The details of these expenditures will be found in the Auditor's Report.

Upon summing up the results of the business of the year, we find a reduction of the net debt of the town to the amount of \$6,299.85.

ABIJAH ALLEN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Braintree.</i>
S. W. HOLLIS,		
DAVID H. BATES,		

EAST SCHOOL.

SOUTHEAST SCHOOL.

Alice M. Cushing, teaching 40 weeks, \$8.00 . . .	\$320 00	
George Hill, coal	5 00	
Edgar W. Wild, care of house	15 50	
E. T. Ellis, fuel	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$348 30

SOUTH SCHOOL.

M. E. C. Bannon, teaching 40 weeks, \$8.00 . . .	\$320 00	
George Hill, coal	10 30	
Thomas Downey, care of house	15 00	
Nelson Duicha, " "	85	
E. T. Ellis, fuel	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$356 65

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

Helen A. Williams, teaching 40 weeks, \$8.00 . . .	\$320 00	
Oscar E. Ellis, care of house	16 00	
Mrs. Newton Dyer, care of house	1 50	
E. T. Ellis, fuel	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$340 50

WEST SCHOOL.

Avis A. Thayer, teaching 40 weeks, \$8.00 . . .	\$320 00	
George Hill, coal	25 44	
Elisha Savil, care of house	15 00	
Mrs. King, " "	1 52	
E. T. Ellis, fuel	6 60	
	<hr/>	\$368 56

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Lottie E. Allen, teaching 40 weeks, \$8.00 . . .	\$320 00	
George Hill, coal	10 32	
George F. Goodnow, care of house	15 00	
E. T. Ellis, fuel	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$352 52
Total cost of schools		<hr/> \$7,662 73

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

C. E. Stetson, cash paid for printing	\$20 75
" lamp	1 25
Lottie E. Allen, cash paid for erasers, etc.	1 10
E. H. Frary, repairing clock	1 50
J. Marcus Arnold, brushes and brooms	2 20
J. E. Wheeler, sawing and splitting wood	1 20
W. W. Ewell & Co., repairing chairs	2 00
T. J. McCormack, erasers	2 82

C. G. Easterbrooks, printing	\$4 00
Green & Prescott, "	5 75
A. J. Bates & Co., brushes, brooms, etc.	3 07
P. D. Holbrook & Co., sundries	10 90
Noah Torrey, chair for South School	2 15
Julia F. Hayward, erasers and crayons	3 69
Elias Hayward, books for West School	7 10
" " Southwest School	2 32
" " Union "	10 48
" " Southeast "	3 25
" crayons, etc., Pond "	4 67
" books, crayons, etc., Iron Works School	13 44
" " " South School	2 74
" " " High "	3 10
" " " East "	75

\$110 23

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Wm. R. Penniman, labor and stock, Pond	\$54 59
Oscar B. Bushnel " " "	11 85
Wm. H. Cobb, wire screens "	8 25
Joseph I. Bates, tinning roof, Iron Works	15 00
John J. Downs, labor and stock " "	43 39
Robert Brooks, painting, " "	38 77
Jenkins & Jordan, repairing lightning rods, Iron Works	7 53
J. I. Bates, ventilators " "	35 24
Galen E. Pratt, cash for keys, " "	70
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor, " "	2 40
C. L. Wellington, repairs, East	1 75
Robert Gillespie, repairing lightning rod, East	2 37
Joseph I. Bates, " stoves, "	5 65
Peterson & Carroll, labor and cement, Union	6 63
R. Allen Gage, " "	2 75
S. W. Pratt, " " drainpipe, "	9 13
H. A. Berry, " " stock, "	6 93
Geo. H. Arnold, " " " "	4 50
Charles W. Hobart, " " " "	11 27
R. A. Wilson, whitewashing, Southwest	2 00
F. B. Parks, repairing stove, "	2 62
Joseph I. Bates, grate and poker, Southwest	3 20
F. B. Parks, zinc, "	2 28
P. A. Wales & Son, repairing pumps, Southwest	5 00
T. B. Stoddard, glass and setting, "	6 50
Elisha Savil, post and labor, "	1 75
Wm. R. Penniman, stock and labor, "	6 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber, "	2 79
Pierce & Sanborn, repairing stoves, "	24 50

\$325 34

APPROPRIATION FOR PAINTING SCHOOLHOUSES.

E. and F. King & Co., paint and oil	\$246 62
Edward G. Stoddard, painting Pond Schoolhouse	130 00
“ “ stock	2 65
Jos'ah Penniman, painting Union Schoolhouse	100 00
“ “ stock	3 84
Robert Brooks, painting Iron Works Schoolhouse	77 50
“ “ gilding vane	8 00
“ “ horse hire	1 00
L. R. Barnes, painting Middle Street, Southwest, and West Schoolhouse	28 00
W. K. Baker & Son, expressing	1 00
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	\$598 61

APPROPRIATION FOR SOUTH SCHOOLHOUSE.

Joseph Huff, labor on yard	\$32 50
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ALMSHOUSE.

Appraisal, Feb. 1, 1877	\$1,880 49
Esek T. Ellis, superintendent's salary	300 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries	409 64
J. Marcus Arnold, “	229 03
Henry M. White, “	42 56
Thomas W. Sampson, meat	106 38
Henry Mann, “	30 43
Edwin F. French, “	39 74
Jonathan S. Hollis, “	10 99
J. Webster Hollis, “	4 40
L. W. Hobart & Son, grain and meal	171 80
Joel F. Sheppard, “ “	82 43
Ambler & Hobart, “ “	37 15
W. A. Hodges, bread and crackers	69 69
Braintree school fund, 16 cords standing wood	32 00
Edward Hobart, 7½ cords pine wood	31 75
Joel F. Sheppard, coal	8 95
George Hill, “	10 23
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing	32 25
Wild & Shay, blacksmith work	40 75
Braintree School fund, rent	200 00
E. B. Holmes, fish	13 93
Wm A. Kane, dry goods	7 57
Franklin Cram, 4 pigs	14 00
A. J. Towns, ice	9 98
Hiram A. French, ploughing	6 00
F. B. Parks, stovepipe, lantern, and tin-ware	16 02
George H. Arnold, barrel onions	2 00

Loud & Pratt, lumber	\$11 84
E. T. Ellis, cash paid sundry bills	47 88
Noah Torrey, medical attendance	8 00
Harvey S. Page, medicines	3 50
Elias Hayward "	6 99
Julia F. Hayward "	70
Abijah Allen, Overseer	12 00
S. W. Hollis, "	20 00
D. H. Bates, "	20 00
" service on account of tramps	25 00
S. W. Hollis, " " "	25 00
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	\$4,021 07

ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.

Appraised, Feb. 1, 1878	\$1,823 16
Cash received for labor and produce	416 67
Due from Moses Hunt, for hay	5 05
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	\$2,244 88
Total cost of poor in almshouse	\$1,776 19

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Days.
Isaac Wild	61	365
George W. Hall	51	365
Mary A. Littlefield	60	365
William Wild	62	365
Sally White	72	365
George N. Thayer	42	365
William S. Fogg	66	365
Jerre Sexton	67	365
Thomas Buker	43	276
Maria Kelley	16	168
Marston Cummings	70	48
John Carrigan	27	64
Thomas Jordan	72	183
John Sheehan	65	231
Katie Tallon	20	36
495 tramps		495
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Total number of days		4,421
Total number of weeks		631 $\frac{4}{7}$
Cost of poor per week		\$281 $\frac{4}{7}$
Due from the town of Weymouth for board of John Sheehan		\$92 81

The auditors, in taking the valuation of the town property at the Poor Farm, have reduced the appraisal of several articles from last year on account of age, wear, and reduction of current prices. The whole place

shows evidence outside and inside of the house of the efficient industry and thrift of the superintendent and his wife. We noticed the good condition of the stock and carriages, also, a new improved snow plough and wagon body made by himself, all painted and in good order, the farming tools ready for immediate use, and that the inmates are well cared for.

JOHN B. ARNOLD,
ASA T. PRATT,

Auditors.

POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Taunton Hospital, support of C. E. Thayer	\$218 40
“ “ “ Jacob Veazie	254 15
“ “ “ William Kincaide	190 30
Northampton “ “ Mary Goodman	197 03
G. C. Hallenbeck, funeral expenses of Alice Buker	20 00
City of Boston, aid to Mary Bailey	2 10
“ “ “ Bridget Callahan	20 20
“ “ “ child of John Hanlon	16 02
“ “ “ Mary E. Hussey	12 12
“ “ “ Rachel Nash	60 00
“ “ “ Anna Wild	18 02
N. R. Proctor, supplies to Almira Giles	6 00
Joseph Loud & Co., coal “ “	3 37
A. Wyman, medicine for Mrs. Howard	75
Francis Ambler “ “	2 80
Joel F. Sheppard, coal “	24 32
Susan Mulligan, nursing “	31 00
T. H. Dearing, medical att. “	6 00
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries “	10 00
C. W. Smith, “ “	23 00
John B. Allen, wood “	4 50
C. W. Smith, groceries to Mrs. Bentley	18 00
R. C. Payne, coal to Mrs. E. Langley	13 50
H. M. White, supplies “ “	92 50
J. E. Sheppard, coal “ “	5 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to L. D. Stone	45 00
Douglas A. Brooks, tickets for L. D. Stone, wife and four children, to Texas	120 00
T. J. Hill, goods to J. Frank Holbrook	14 00
A. S. Niles, meat “ “	1 38
Alvin Mann, wood “ “	3 50
W. O. Faxon, med att. “ “	153 00
Harvey S. Page, medicines to J. Frank Holbrook	5 70
Town of Randolph, supplies “ “	50 70
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to M. Kirby	4 19
“ “ “ Mrs. A. H. Hunt	8 37
J. Marcus Arnold, groceries “ “	3 71
T. H. Dearing, med. att. “ “	3 00

Elias Hayward, medicine, Mrs. A. H. Hunt	\$3 55
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Tristam Dalton	17 40
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to Tristam Dalton	42 00
John B. Allen, wood " "	18 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Chas. F. Arnold	4 19
J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to Chas. F. Arnold	4 89
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Sophia Lehman	14 37
J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to Sophia Lehman	51 14
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Robert Bentley	2 10
" " " Jane Smith	2 10
Town of Weymouth, aid " "	30 25
William Buker, rent, Willard Wild	31 00
G. C. Hallenbeck, funeral expenses, Julia Dorety	20 00
N. R. Proctor, goods to George Dorety	8 50
T. W. Sampson, meat " "	4 70
T. H. Dearing, med. att. " "	5 00
J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to James M. Bryant	14 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal " "	26 32
Thomas H. Hays, rent Mrs. Thomas Kelley	12 00
Ellen Shehan, " " "	4 00
C. W. Smith, groceries " "	1 35
" " " James M. Bryant	1 00
John B. Allen, wood " "	3 00
C. W. Smith, goods to Maria Barton	11 00
Henry W. White, goods to Betsey Wild	43 36
Joseph Huff, wood " "	19 50
William A. Kane, dry goods " "	3 00
David H. Bates, cash " "	2 00
Henry M. White, goods to Mrs. B. F. Hayden	15 00
E. T. Ellis, wood " "	3 00
H. M. White, goods to James E. Wheeler	9 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., goods to James E. Wheeler	24 00
Noah Torrey, med. att. " "	4 00
Town of West Springfield, aid to Robert Tipping	35 10
H. M. White, aid to Daniel O'Hearn	2 00
" " " Daniel Halisey	6 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Michael Quinn	5 30
John Crane, shoes " "	5 75
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to Michael Quinn	5 00
W. K. Baker & Son, moving Edmund Burke	4 00
A. J. Bates & Co., goods to " "	41 00
John B. Allen, wood " "	3 50
Overseers of Poor, cash to Patrick Newman	5 00
H. M. White, goods to " "	5 00
P. D. Holbrook " " "	5 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Thomas J. Dalton	5 25
C. W. Smith, groceries " "	6 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Thomas Kelley	3 40

Joseph Loud & Co., coal to George Carney	\$3 37
“ “ “ “ Frederic E. Johnson	3 37
George Hill, wood “ “	3 50
James S. Holbrook, support of Jona. Holbrook	8 03
A. J. Bates & Co., goods to Wm. McCormick	3 00
“ “ “ “ Harriet Dalton	21 50
“ “ “ “ William Tobin	6 00
Town of Weymouth, aid to M. E. Nason	25 00
“ Brockton “ Jacob C. Snow	93 35
“ Stoughton “ “ “	5 00
“ “ “ Elbridge Snow	3 00
“ Brockton “ “ “	20 70
P. D. Holbrook & Co., goods to J. Martin	11 96
J. Webster Hollis, meat “ “	3 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., goods to Mrs. J. B. Moore	8 03
“ “ “ “ (refunded)	5 63
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Farnum	3 00
“ “ “ “ Thomas Buker	3 00
“ “ “ “ Edward Huff	60 00
Noah Torrey, medical attend. “ “	2 50
Town of Quincy, aid to Delia W. Hayden and child	37 93
“ “ “ William Mulligan	21 00
“ “ “ Chas. F. Arnold	4 25
R. W. Turner & Co., coal to Mrs. Nightingale	4 00
T. J. Hill, groceries “	3 00
Abijah Allen, overseer	40 00
S. W. Hollis, “	45 00
“ “ use of team	15 00
“ “ cash expenses	6 00
D. H. Bates, overseer	40 00
“ “ use of team	15 00
“ “ cash expenses	5 65
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	\$2,783 92

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By cash from Town of Randolph for aid to Almira Giles . .	\$9 37
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Patrick Howard,	102 37
By cash from Town of Foxboro', aid to Ed. Burke	48 50
Due from City of New Bedford for aid to Sophia Lehman . .	65 51
“ City of Boston for aid to Robert Bently	20 10
“ “ “ “ J. E. Wheeler	33 00
“ “ “ “ George Carney	3 37
“ Town of Hingham for aid to James M. Bryant	44 32
“ State for aid to F. E. Johnson	6 87
“ “ “ J. B. Moore	8 03
“ Methuen for aid to Mrs. Farnum	3 00
Cash refunded	5 63
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	\$350 07
Total cost of poor out of almshouse	\$2,433 85

TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

To cash paid for board of insane persons	\$381 80
“ refunded by friends (see treasurer's account).	

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Cash paid families of soldiers	\$1,032 80
Bill due for January, 1877	85 00
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	\$1,117 80
Bill sent and due Jan. 1, 1878	\$1,031 80
Cash paid for January, 1878	86 00
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	\$1,117 80

GRAND ARMY APPROPRIATION.

Marcus A. Perkins	\$150 00
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SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

SAMUEL S. FRENCH, *Surveyor*.

S. S. French,	labor	67 days	\$2 25	. \$150 75
“ “	“	19 “	2 00	. 38 00
“ “	horse	127½ “	1 50	. 191 25
“ “	cart	81½ “	25	. 20 37
“ “	gravel	30 loads	10	. 3 00
“ “	stone . . . . .			. 3 50
“ “	powder, fuse and tools			. 16 50
Patrick Moils,	horse	5 days	1 50	. 7 50
“ “	self and cart	3 “	1 50	. 4 50
J. B. Woods, self, horse and cart	1	“	3 25	. 3 25
Patrick Maguire, “ “	“	5 “	3 00	. 15 00
John Rennie,	labor	35¾ “	1 50	. 53 62
John Finnegan,	“	6 “	1 50	. 6 00
James E. Wheeler,	“	15½ “	1 25	. 19 37
“ “	“	38½ “	1 50	. 57 75
Adam Hobart,	“	2½ “	1 50	. 3 75
Charles E. Minchin,	“	½ “	1 50	. 75
George E. Arnold,	“	33 “	1 50	. 49 50
“ “	“	7½ “	1 25	. 9 37
Albert H. Holbrook,	“	1 “	1 25	. 1 25
Willard M. Hunt,	“	8¾ “	1 50	. 13 12
Andrew Gott,	“	2 “	1 50	. 3 00
F. R. Pratt,	“	2½ “	1 25	. 4 37
William Newman,	“	3¼ “	1 50	. 4 87
Thomas H. Shea,	“	2 “	1 50	. 3 00
Stewart Marland,	“	2½ “	1 00	. 2 50
George Downey,	“	1 “	1 00	. 1 00
Henry H. Howe,	“	4 “	1 50	. 6 00

Patrick F. Maguire,	labor	4½ days	\$1 25	.	\$5 62
James Conley,	"	10½ "	1 25	.	13 12
Daniel Ahearn,	"	10 "	1 50	.	15 00
Patrick Newman,	"	8½ "	1 25	.	10 62
Benjamin Stevens,	"	14 "	1 50	.	21 00
Charles F. Saunders,	"	14 "	1 25	.	17 50
Thomas Finnegan,	"	14 "	1 25	.	17 50
" "	"	32½ "	1 50	.	48 75
Patrick McLaughlin,	"	7½ "	1 50	.	11 25
William H. French,	"	17½ "	1 25	.	21 87
" "	"	35 "	1 50	.	52 50
Peter Mooney,	"	34 "	1 50	.	51 00
James Finnegan,	"	.	.	.	1 00
Alva Saunders,	"	5½ days	1 25	.	6 87
Leonard Hunt,	"	31 "	1 50	.	46 50
" "	"	8½ "	1 25	.	10 62
R. D. Hobart,	gravel	524 loads	15	.	78 60
O. C. R. R.	"	80 "	5	.	4 00
Charles E. Minchin,	"	22 "	15	.	3 30
Mrs. J. H. Thayer,	"	21 "	5	.	1 05
N. H. Hunt,	"	59 "	8	.	4 55
Joseph A. Arnold,	"	28 "	17	.	4 76
Calvin French,	"	156 "	6½	.	10 14
Wild & Shay, blacksmith work	.	.	.	.	1 33
H. H. Thayer, sharpening drills and picks	.	.	.	.	5 55
Hiram Wild, stone work	.	.	.	.	1 84
Amasa Thayer, " " . . .	.	.	.	.	1 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	.	.	.	.	6 67
					<hr/> \$1,166 16

THOMAS HILL, *Surveyor.*

Thomos Hill,	labor	78½ days	\$2 25	.	\$176 62
" "	"	4½ "	1 50	.	6 75
" "	man	3½ "	1 25	.	4 38
" "	horse and boy	15 "	2 50	.	37 50
" "	horse, cart and man	3 "	2 50	.	7 50
" "	powder and use of stone tools	.	.	.	4 68
George Hill, self, horse and cart	29	days	3 25	.	94 25
Geo. W. Hill, " "	"	78 "	3 25	.	253 50
Samuel Hill, " "	"	35 "	3 25	.	113 75
John Hill, " "	"	68 "	3 00	.	204 00
" "	labor	12 "	1 50	.	18 00
George Hill,	"	1 "	1 50	.	1 50
George W. Hill,	"	3¼ "	1 50	.	4 87
Charles F. Arnold,	"	7 "	1 50	.	10 50
John W. Cook,	"	13¾ "	1 50	.	20 62
John Mahar,	"	6½ "	1 50	.	9 75
William Garrity,	"	17 "	1 50	.	25 50
Josiah Holbrook,	"	16 "	1 50	.	24 00
Thomas P. Fogg,	"	4 "	1 50	.	6 00

Richard McNair,	labor	5	days	\$1 50	.	\$7 50
Cornelius Maguire,	"	1	"	1 50	.	1 50
Michael Keene,	"	3½	"	1 50	.	5 25
S. W. Hollis, gravel, 1,236 loads,	10	.	.	.	.	123 60
B. L. Morrison, " 12 "	12½	.	.	.	.	1 50
L. Lynch, blacksmith work	.	.	.	.	.	2 79
W. K. Bell, pump handle	.	.	.	.	.	85
						<hr/> \$1,166 66

BENJAMIN J. LORING, *Surveyor*.

Benjamin J. Loring, labor 84 $\frac{11}{20}$ days,	\$2 25	.	.	.	190 24
“ “ “ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	2 00	.	.	.	9 00
Robert M. Loring “ 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ “	1 50	.	.	.	64 12
Willie J. Loring, “ 86 $\frac{1}{20}$ “	“	.	.	.	128 93
William Mills, “ 48 $\frac{1}{10}$ “	“	.	.	.	72 15
John Preston, “ 8 “	“	.	.	.	12 00
Thomas J. Dalton, “ 17 $\frac{3}{10}$ “	“	.	.	.	25 95
James Bradley, “ 53 $\frac{7}{20}$ “	“	.	.	.	80 02
Everett A. Harris, “ 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ “	“	.	.	.	55 87
Charles A. Cronin, “ 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ “	“	.	.	.	24 37
E R. Waterman, horse and cart, 26 days,	\$1 75	.	.	.	45 49
John B. Allen, “ “ 45 $\frac{4}{5}$ “	“	.	.	.	80 14
“ “ 2 horses and cart, 13 $\frac{3}{10}$ “	3 50	.	.	.	46 55
J. F. Sheppard, 2 horses and man, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ “	4 50	.	.	.	91 12
“ “ horse and cart, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ “	1 75	.	.	.	28 43
Francis Leben, horse and cart, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	“	.	.	.	7 87
J. D. Guterson, use of double cart, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	33	.	.	.	6 76
Eben Denton, gravel, 228 loads,	16 $\frac{2}{3}$	.	.	.	38 00
Caleb Stetson, “ 740 “	16	.	.	.	118 40
Henry Dugan, “ 13 “	10	.	.	.	1 30
George E. Faxon, “ 10 “	20	.	.	.	2 00
Francis Leben, “ 102 “	10	.	.	.	10 20
Benj. Hawes, Jr., “ 95 “	7	.	.	.	6 65
William McDowell, “ 33 “	10	.	.	.	3 30
Loud & Pratt, lumber and spikes	.	.	.	.	4 51
W. I. Jordan, sharpening tools	.	.	.	.	4 75
George S. Baker, shovels and scythe	.	.	.	.	7 75
W. G. Thayer, powder and fuse	.	.	.	.	79
					<hr/> \$1,166 66
Amount expended on highways	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$3,499 48

REMOVING SNOW.

Thomas Hill, cash paid	.	.	.	.	.	\$7 59
B. J. Loring, " "	.	.	.	.	.	6 50
John B. Allen	.	.	.	.	.	11 25
William Allen	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
E. T. Ellis	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
						<hr/> \$32 25

DRAWBRIDGE.

Samuel F. Whitmarsh, Superintendent	.	.	.	.	.	\$100 00
John B. Allen, labor, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days, \$2 50	.	.	.	.	.	14 37
William Allen, " $5\frac{3}{4}$ " 2 50	.	.	.	.	.	14 37
William Mills, " $3\frac{3}{4}$ " 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	4 68
John Preston, " 2 " 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
B. J. Loring, " $7\frac{1}{4}$ " 2 00	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
Willie J. Loring, " $2\frac{1}{2}$ " 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	2 81
" " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " 1 50	.	.	.	.	.	75
John B. Allen, horse and cart, $2\frac{1}{4}$ " 1 75	.	.	.	.	.	3 93
" " derrick, 5 " 75	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
" " stone and carting	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
B. J. Loring, lighting bridge	.	.	.	.	.	5 25
Loud and Pratt	.	.	.	.	.	3 31
A. J. Bates & Co., lantern and oil	.	.	.	.	.	1 10
Joseph I. Bates, " and repairing	.	.	.	.	.	1 15
S. W. Pratt, " . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
T. D. Bagley, labor on buoys	.	.	.	.	.	4 75
William Allen, labor	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
B. J. Loring " and cash paid	.	.	.	.	.	9 37
Samuel F. Whitmarsh, labor and material	.	.	.	.	.	3 72
Thomas South, steel key and bolts	.	.	.	.	.	2 25

MIDDLE STREET.

						\$214 56
N. M. Hobart, balance of contract	.	.	.	.	.	\$40 00
Michael Brandley, on " . . .	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
Joshua Bunker, gravel . . .	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
Benj. Hawes, jr. " . . .	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
John Hill, labor 20 days at \$1 25	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
John W. Cook, " $17\frac{3}{4}$ " 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	22 19
" " " 4 " 1 50	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Simeon Thayer, " $6\frac{1}{2}$ " 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	8 13
Josiah Holbrook, " $13\frac{3}{4}$ " 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	17 19
Thomas Hill, " $26\frac{1}{2}$ " 1 50	.	.	.	.	.	39 75
" " horse, cart and man $21\frac{1}{2}$ " 2 50	.	.	.	.	.	53 75
" " " 4 " 1 50	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
E. T. Ellis, horse, cart and men . . .	.	.	.	.	.	60 25
J. B. Rhines, lumber . . .	.	.	.	.	.	31 73
J. Jarvis, French posts . . .	.	.	.	.	.	22 40
L. Lynch, blacksmith work . . .	.	.	.	.	.	7 95
Thomas South, iron posts and bolts . . .	.	.	.	.	.	15 63
S. W. Hollis, horse $21\frac{3}{4}$ days at 1 25	.	.	.	.	.	27 19
" " gravel 129 loads 10	.	.	.	.	.	12 90
Benj. Hawes, jr. " 321 " 7	.	.	.	.	.	22 47
S. W. Hollis, posts . . .	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
" " superintendence . . .	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
						\$472 53
S. W. Hollis, returned to treasurer . . .	.	.	.	.	.	8 47
						\$481 00

QUINCY AVENUE.

N. M. Hobart, self, 2 horses, 2 carts and 2 men	\$7 50	.	.	\$172 50
George E. Fogg, self, horse and cart 16 days	3 00	.	.	48 00
Andrew Gott, " " " 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3 00	.	.	14 25
Michael Whearty, " " " 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3 00	.	.	19 50
James Willis, horse, cart and boy 6 "	2 75	.	.	16 50
John S. Hanson, " " " 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2 75	.	.	31 63
" " horse " 3 "		.	.	4 50
Michael Hawkes, double team 9 "	5 00	.	.	45 00
John B. Allen, 2 horses and 2 carts 6 "	3 50	.	.	21 00
Frank McDomel, labor 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	28 12
Thomas Ahearn, " 22 "	1 25	.	.	27 50
Peter Curran, " 17 "	1 25	.	.	21 25
Luke Mulligan, " 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	11 87
Thomas J. Griffin, " 20 "	1 25	.	.	25 00
Patrick Sullivan, " 18 "	1 25	.	.	22 50
James F. Willis, " 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	18 12
Michael Scanlan, " 21 "	1 25	.	.	26 75
John Doyle, " 17 "	1 25	.	.	21 25
Joseph Clinton, " 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	25 62
Michael Connors, " 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	4 37
John Preston, " 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	23 12
Vincent Rougasky, " 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 25	.	.	18 12
Charles Remington, " 2 "	1 25	.	.	2 50
James Willis, " 11 "	1 25	.	.	13 75
Patrick Sullivan, 2d, " 14 "	1 25	.	.	17 50
Hugh Rafferty, " 7 "	1 25	.	.	8 75
Joseph Flood, " 7 "	1 25	.	.	8 75
Thomas Mulligan, " 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1 25	.	.	4 06
Timothy Keefe, " 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 25	.	.	9 68
John Dorety, " 10 "	1 25	.	.	12 50
Francis P. Wall, " 2 "	1 25	.	.	2 50
Joseph S. Miller, " 3 "	1 25	.	.	3 75
Thomas J. Griffin, " 2 "	1 25	.	.	2 50
William Mills, " 7 "	1 50	.	.	10 50
Thomas J. Dalton, " 6 "	1 50	.	.	9 00
Willie Loring, " 6 "	1 50	.	.	9 00
John Preston, " 6 "	1 50	.	.	9 00
James Bradley, " 2 "	1 50	.	.	3 00
E. A. Harris, " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 50	.	.	75
Benj. J. Loring, " 6 "	2 25	.	.	13 50
Eben Denton, gravel, 1015 loads	16 $\frac{2}{3}$	.	.	169 16
Daniel Hayward, " 122 "		.	.	10 00
Michael Whearty, stone 36 "	25	.	.	9 00
John S. Hanson, damage breaking glass	.	.	.	50
Concord Granite Co., stone and sharpening tools	.	.	.	3 27
William H. Cobb, 6 shovels	.	.	.	6 00

Robert Gillespie, sharpening tools	\$6 05
W. I. Jordan, " "	3 60
Wendell & Co., powder	1 50
E. A. Harris, stone and fuse	2 50
Ditmar Powder Co., dualin caps and fuse	6 70
A. J. Bates & Co., water pails and dippers	105 00
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	\$1,006 79

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

C. Franklin David, printing town report	\$110 00
Rand, Avery & Co., " school "	45 00
A. Mudge & Son, " centennial documents	461 30
C. G. Easterbrooks, " warrants and notices	15 50
Green & I'prescott, " notices	2 50
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance	44 40
S. A. Bates, recording births, marriages, and deaths	64 25
" stationery and postage	2 20
J. R. Osgood & Co., heliotyping deed	27 50
Peter A. Wales & Son, repairing pumps	14 50
R. D. Hobart, surveying and witness fees, 1876	11 30
John Cronan, horse hire	6 50
Thayer Bros., "	8 75
G. C. Hallenbeck, returning deaths	7 00
Samuel Curtis, " "	8 00
Asa French, legal services in McCue case	50 00
W. A. Allen, distributing town reports	2 25
H. B. Vinton, " " "	4 00
E. T. Ellis, " " "	4 50
" " school "	9 00
" " centennial reports	9 00
Wild & Shay, repairing pump	2 00
Joseph I. Bates, "	5 00
H. Woodsum, expressing	3 20
H. B. Pierce, secretary of commonwealth, voting register	1 60
Fiske Barret, services and express to Abington and Boston	6 45
Nichols & Hall, stationery	3 49
E. T. Ellis, removing town bounds	3 00
Elias Hayward, postage stamps	2 79
A. Allen, blank books, etc.	6 87
" cash expenses	7 92
" " for telegrams	2 66
S. W. Hollis, use of team	15 00
" cash expenses	2 50
D. H. Bates, " "	3 25
" use of team	15 00
Town of Quincy, running town lines	2 00
Patrick Purcell, carting stone, 1875	3 00
William Reed, team to Rockland, 1876	2 00
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	\$995 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Abijah Allen, selectman, assessor, and overseer	\$315 00
S. W. Hollis, " " " "	300 00
David H. Bates, " " " "	315 00
Jonathan French, treasurer	200 00
Samuel A. Bates, town clerk	35 00
N. L. White, school committee	60 00
Noah Torrey, " "	50 00
Fiske Barrett, " "	75 00
Geo. H. Arnold, " "	65 00
Jas. M. Cutting, " "	50 00
Horace Faxon, constable	10 00
Eben Denton, auditor	7 50
N. F. T. Hayden, "	8 00

\$1,490 50

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Isaac Porter, night police, 4½ months, at \$50 00 .	\$225 00
J. Franklin Bates, " " " " " .	225 00
Benjamin J. Loring, Jr., " " " " " .	225 00
" " " "	4 00
Horace Faxon, " "	4 00
Asa T. Pratt, " " 1870	25 00
W. M. French, use of lock-up, 1876	10 50
Town of Quincy, " "	29 00

\$747 50

JANITOR

Of Town Hall, Public Library, High School and Pond School, George F. Leonard	\$600 00
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TOWN HALL.

John Farquhar's Sons, repairing roof, 1876	\$48 84
Thomas Penniman, altering doors	36 75
T. B. Stoddard, glass and setting	11 00
F. B. Parks, repairing ventilator and stove pipe	9 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, chimneys, etc.	35 33
George Hill, coal	15 42
Theodore Walch, labor and stock	5 50
H. M. White, lantern	1 00
E. T. Ellis, fuel	6 00

\$168 84

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By cash paid treasurer	\$117 50
" due from Josephus Shaw	8 00
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	\$125 50

TOWN LANDS.

Michael Brandley, manure	\$36 00
John F. Hayward, half of division fence	10 95
E. T. Ellis, carting gravel	39 50
N. M. Hobart, " "	3 75
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	\$90 20

RESERVOIR WELL.

N. M. Hobart, as per contract	\$185 00
R. D. Hobart, stone	9 45
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	\$194 45

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David H. Bates, tax collector on bill of 1876	\$49 77
Joseph Dyer, " " " 1877	104 48
William Amory, jr.	18 75
Austin White	18 34
Elias Holbrook	10 17
Samuel Hayden	6 72
Eunice Hayden	5 60
Albion Hall	5 60
Nathaniel F. Thayer	5 60
Henry W. Simonds	11 20
Daniel E. Cain	3 36
John Long	1 68
Ephraim B. Thayer	2 32
Elihu Holbrook	2 24
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	\$245 83

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

N. F. T. Hayden, appropriation	\$450 00
E. T. Ellis, fuel	6 00
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	\$456 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

James R. Smith, pay of 50 firemen, No. 2, \$3 00	\$150 00
Wm. H. McGregor, " " " " 1, 3 00	150 00
Wm. H. Cavanagh, " 25 " H. & L. 3 00	75 00
E. M. Thayer, steward of No. 2	35 00
T. J. Dalton, " " 1	17 50
Charles Ratcliffe, " " 7	17 50
Myron L. Hobart, " H. & L.	20 00
Willard T. Wilson " "	8 33
Hunneman & Co., 400 feet hose, 75	300 00
" blunderbuss and repairing hose	29 00
H. Farnum, refreshments to firemen	15 00
N. R. Proctor, " "	9 10
Charles W. Smith, " "	22 69

H. M. White, refreshments to firemen	\$28 70
John Slavin, watching fires	1 00
Leonard P. Hunt, " "	1 50
Robert Brooks, setting glass, No. 1	1 80
Wild & Shay, 4 chains, " 2	1 50
C. G. Easterbrooks, printing bills	2 00
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	7 60
F. B. Parks, zinc and lantern	5 28
Louis W. Thayer, labor	1 50
J. B. Allen, carting cement	2 75
William Allen, labor on reservoir	6 00
" " pumping out reservoir	5 00
" " stationery and postage	1 50
Joseph I. Bates, lamp burners and chimney, No. 1	1 25
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor	8 18
J. B. Rhines & Co., cement and carting	20 00
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose	8 62
R. C. Payne, coal, No. 2	4 00
J. F. Sheppard, " H. & L.	6 10
" " coal and wood, No. 1	11 00
" " drawing engine	5 00
S. W. Pratt, lead pipe and labor	7 03
William Allen, labor on wall No. 1	8 15
Charles W. Smith, oil, etc.	4 39
Thomas South, 3 ladders and repairing	25 00
William A. Tupper, labor and stock, No. 2	3 55
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	14 70
Thayer Bros., horse hire	3 00
E. T. Ellis, fuel	1 20
H. H. Thayer, blacksmith work, No. 2	9 75
N. R. Proctor, oil, etc.	3 49
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	\$1,059 66

FIRE-ALARM BELLS.

William Blake & Co., 3 bells and hangings	\$309 84
Charles W. Hobart, belfries and hanging bells	134 24
H. M. White, bell rope, No. 1	1 36
Pierce and Sanborn, tinning bell deck, No. 2	8 00
Thomas Penniman, repairs on tower	3 00
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	\$456 44

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for —

Schools	\$7,662 73
Incidental expenses of schools	110 23
" " schoolhouses	325 34
Painting "	598 61
South Schoolhouse	23 50
Almshouse	2,140 58
Poor out of the almshouse	2,783 92

Taunton Lunatic Hospital	\$381 80
State aid	1,032 80
Grand Army	150 00
Surveyors of Highways	3,499 48
Removing snow	32 25
Drawbridge	214 56
Middle Street	481 00
Quincy Avenue	1,006 79
Incidentals	995 18
Town officers	1,490 50
Police	747 50
Janitor	600 00
Town Hall	168 84
Town lands	90 20
Reservoir well	194 45
Abatement of taxes	245 83
Public Library	456 00
Fire Department	1,059 66
Fire-alarm bells	456 44
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	\$26,948 19
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393 orders drawn	\$26,948 19

BRAINTREE, Feb. 16, 1878.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them well kept, with proper vouchers for all payments, and we fully believe the affairs of the town have been carefully and judiciously managed.

JOHN B. ARNOLD, }
ASA T. PRATT, } *Auditors.*

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Support of schools	\$7,000 00
Incidents for schools	300 00
South Schoolhouse yard	50 00
Highways	3,500 00
Improvement of Middle Street	500 00
Quincy Avenue	1,000 00
Interest on town debt	4,000 00
Reduction of "	2,000 00
Town officers	1,500 00
Incidentals	1,500 00
Support of poor	3,500 00
Fire Department	1,000 00
Fire-alarm bells	600 00
Janitor	600 00
Grand Army	150 00

Public Library	\$450 00
Painting schoolhouses	600 00
Wells at Town House	300 00
County tax	2,309 92
State "	2,250 00
Overlay	1,652 32
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	\$34,762 24

APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Schools	\$6,800 00
Highways	3,500 00
Interest on town debt	4,000 00
Reduction of " "	2,000 00
Town officers	1,500 00
Incidentals	1,500 00
Support of poor	4,000 00
Grand Army	150 00
Fire Department	1,000 00
Public Library	450 00
Incidentals for schools	300 00
Janitor	600 00
Removing snow	1,000 00
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	\$26,800 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

DAVID H. BATES, *Collector*, 1876.

Amount of tax bill for 1876	\$31,298 41
Cash paid treasurer by last report	\$30,175 00
" " " since " "	890 00
" in hands of collector	2 33
Unpaid taxes as per schedule	231 08
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	\$31,298 41
Cash reported in last report	\$77 32
Interest collected since Feb. 1, 1877	43 39
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Cash paid treasurer for interest collected	\$120 71

TAXES UNPAID FEB. 1, 1878.

Joseph A. Arnold,	\$73 65	Sophia Houghton,	\$4 59
Frederic Bunker,	32 60	George H. Lane,	4 29
John Daland,	21 13	William Buker,	3 57
Elijah Penniman,	17 55	Emily Houghton,	3 31
O. H. P. Niles,	15 51	Andrew G. King,	2 51
Joel Hollis, balance,	10 56	George F. Bicknell,	\$2 00
Robert Dickey,	6 69	Edgar G. Hayden,	2 00
Heirs of James Bannon,	6 63	Lory O. Rand,	2 00
Joshua N. Hobart,	5 13	A. H. Russell,	2 00

Jacob Sprague, Jr.	\$2 00	Joseph H. Mellus, balance,	\$1 27
Edward H. Vinton,	2 00	J. B. Thompson,	2 55
John O. Willey,	2 00	J. Brightman, balance,	27
Edward H. Mellus,	2 00	Henry W. Wild,	1 02
John S. Fraser,	2 00	Daniel W. Thayer,	25
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			\$231 08

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

JOSEPH DYER, *Collector.*

Amount of tax-bill for 1877	\$34,699 52
Added since commitment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62 72
Cash paid treasurer	\$31,626 48
Unpaid taxes as per schedule	3,113 99
Cash in hands of collector	21 77
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								\$34,762 24
Interest collected and in hands of collector	\$59 70

TAXES UNPAID FEB. 1, 1878.

Chas. F. Arnold,	\$2 00	Peter Donahoe,	\$2 00
Joseph A. Arnold,	51 84	Thomas Donahoe,	3 12
Heirs of James Bannon,	6 44	John J. Downes,	10 40
Stephen S. Bradford,	21 28	John T. Doyle,	2 00
John Brightman,	2 84	Edward H. Drinkwater,	2 00
Robert Brooks,	9 84	Heirs of Asa Dyer,	24 36
George C. Buker,	2 00	William Dyer,	25 52
Albert N. Bunker,	22 68	William F. Dyer,	53 52
Joshua M. Bunker,	4 52	Wm. F. Dyer and Richmond	
Frederick Bunker,	32 24	Thayer,	1 12
Nahum Bunker,	3 40	Joseph Damon,	2 00
Oscar B. Bushnel,	2 00	Patrick S. Dumphy,	2 00
Thomas B. Coffin,	4 80	Frank Faunce,	2 00
William Collins,	2 00	Henry A. Faxon,	2 00
Leroy W. Collins,	2 00	Horace Faxon,	10 96
Eunice Collins,	47 88	James Foley,	2 00
John Conuerty,	2 00	Heirs of J. R. Frasier,	38 64
Franklin Cram,	17 40	Daniel Friel,	10 96
Frederick Cram,	13 20	Hiram A. French, balance,	50 96
John L. Crane,	2 00	Horatio B. French, "	1 12
Simeon P. Cushing,	24 12	Daniel Galivan,	2 00
Edward D. Chase,	2 00	Charles Gardner,	15 44
Robert Cahill,	2 00	James M. Gerrold,	2 00
John Daland,	22 16	Samuel H. Gouch,	2 00
Thomas J. Dalton,	2 56	John Greenwood,	7 60
Jeremiah Dennehey,	17 40	Dennis Griffin,	15 16
Robert Dickey,	12 08	Thomas J. Griffin,	8 16
Robert A. Dickey,	2 00	Thomas Hagan,	12 08
William Dickey,	2 00	Jeremiah Haley,	2 00
Patrick Donahoe,	14 88	John S. Hanson,	21 60

Michael Hawkes,	\$6 72	J. H. Mellers, balance,	\$14 28
Caleb Hayden,	30 56	William Mills,	16 00
Charles A. Hayden,	2 00	Heirs of Hezekiah Means, bal.	17 84
George E. Hayden,	4 24	Joseph S. Miller,	5 36
Henry M. Hayden,	2 00	Martin V. B. Minchin,	13 20
Hosea B. Hayden,	5 36	Patrick Murphy,	2 00
Willie T. Hayden,	2 00	Thomas J. McCormick,	7 60
William Hayden,	31 12	John McGlencey,	2 00
Caleb Henry Hayden,	6 20	James McKenney,	3 68
Levi F. Hayden,	2 00	Richard McNair,	2 00
Edward P. Hayward,	2 00	Neal McRae,	36 44
Charles M. Hobart,	2 00	Mary J. Newcomb,	18 48
Joshua N. Hobart,	21 88	Alva M. Nightingale,	2 00
Elias Holbrook,	28 04	Elisha B. Nightingale,	2 00
Josiah Holbrook,	2 00	O. H. P. Niles,	16 84
Walter Holbrook,	4 80	Alfred W. Nowers,	17 40
Joel Hollis,	30 00	Robert C. Paine, balance,	16 79
Sophia Houghton,	3 64	Elijah Penniman,	18 80
Edward Huff,	5 92	Vincent Rougasky,	2 00
George W. Hunt,	2 00	C. Watson Sanders,	3 40
Moses Hunt,	12 08	George P. Shaw,	7 60
Willard M. Hunt,	9 28	James Slyne,	9 84
Thomas Huseton,	16 56	Edward Starr,	17 68
Moses Jones,	13 76	Benjamin Stevens,	24 40
Silas M. Jones,	22 72	Patrick Sullivan, 2d,	2 00
George W. Kelly, balance,	1 00	Timothy Sullivan,	4 80
Andrew G. King,	2 00	John Summers,	14 04
Thomas A. Kelly,	2 00	Joseph Smith,	2 00
George H. Lane,	4 52	Robert Smith,	2 00
Sarah W. Lane,	57 12	Isabella J. Scott,	27 44
Henry O. Leonard, balance,	4 28	Patrick Shehan,	2 00
Thomas H. Lyndon,	2 00	David B. Thayer,	13 20
Weston H. Lyndon,	2 00	James S. Thayer,	8 44
J. E. Lochman,	77 60	Jonathan Thayer, Jr.,	2 00
Alden P. Loring,	2 00	Lewis Thayer,	9 56
B. T. Loring,	223 20	Deliverance Thayer,	2 24
Charles Lynch,	2 00	James P. Thorndike,	888 20
Patrick Lynch,	2 00	Thomas B. Vinton,	69 48
Coston Landry,	2 00	William L. Wainwright, trus.	44 80
John Mahar,	2 00	Frank W. Wall,	2 00
William Leonard,	2 00	Michael Welch,	2 00
John Malony, 2d,	2 00	Charles L. Wellington,	2 00
Heirs of Gardner Mansfield,	14 00	Truman G. White, balance,	8 00
George Mansfield,	2 00	N. Augustus White,	26 64
James Martin,	2 00	John Whitmarsh,	3 40
Alverdo Mason, balance,	2 00	Heirs of Gustave Wiksel,	21 28
John E. Mellen,	2 00		

NON-RESIDENTS.

David Thayer,	\$25 76	Benjamin P. Dowse,	\$3 36
Heirs of Josiah Vinton,	20 72	Emily Houghton,	3 64
Boston Carpet Slipper Co.,	19 04	William G. Prescott,	2 24
Boston Organ Co.,	28 00	Heirs of Edward Miller,	1 12
Charles C. Hayward,	11 43	Thomas Hayes,	20 16
J. B. Thompson,	2 80	Henry W. Wild,	1 12
George Plaisted,	44 80	Abner Curtis,	52 08
Eleazer Beals,	84	Frank W. Mead,	29 12
Samuel and Charles Capen,	20 72	Ellen J. Melendy,	13 44
Tower and others,	5 60		
William Buker,	3 92		
			<hr/> \$3,113 90

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1877.	JONATHAN FRENCH, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Feb. 1.	Cash on hand	\$8,271 58
	Cash received of J. Dyer, Coll. of 1877 .	31,626 48
	“ “ “ D. H. Bates, Coll. 1876 .	890 00
	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ int. .	120 71
	“ “ “ State treas. corp. tax .	1,059 94
	“ “ “ “ “ bank “ .	1,729 13
	“ “ “ “ “ State aid .	1,152 34
	“ “ “ “ “ school fund .	234 45
	“ “ borrowed of Wey. Bank .	6,000 00
	“ “ “ “ Mary H. Thayer, .	396 95
	“ “ Eben Denton, treasurer of fire department committee .	44 20
	“ “ city of Boston	82 30
	“ “ town of Foxboro'	48 50
	“ “ “ “ Randolph	111 74
	“ “ “ “ Hingham	16 00
	“ “ city of New Bedford . . .	110 08
	“ “ selectmen for Town Hall .	117 50
	“ “ Noah Torrey for tuition high school	19 70
	“ “ L.W. Holbrook, lot in cemetery .	2 00
	“ “ county dog tax	385 96
	“ “ unexpended bal. on Mid. St. .	8 47
	“ “ Braintree school fund . .	350 00
	“ “ town of Quincy	1 50
	“ “ B. J. Loring, Jr., fees as police officer	7 07
	“ “ overseers of the poor (re- funded)	5 63
	“ “ overseers of the poor (re- funded)	381 80
	“ “ overseers of the poor from almshouse	416 67
		<hr/> \$53,590 70

Cash paid order No. 371, due Feb. 1, 1877	.	.	.	\$96 77
“ “ 393 orders	.	.	.	26,948 19
“ “ notes, Wey. Bank, borrowed	.	.	.	6,000 00
“ “ note of Mary H. Thayer	.	.	.	342 93
“ “ interest “ “	.	.	.	54 02
“ “ on note of Mary H. Thayer	.	.	.	65 00
“ “ State tax	.	.	.	2,250 00
“ “ county tax	.	.	.	2,309 92
“ “ interest	.	.	.	3,276 39
“ on hand Feb. 1, 1878	.	.	.	12,247 48
				<hr/> \$53,590 70

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find them correct, with a balance in his hands, due the town, of \$12,247.48.

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND INTEREST,
FEB. 1, 1878.

Joseph Dyer, Oct. 28, 1862, at 6 per cent	500 00
Interest	7 75
Joseph Dyer, Jan. 26, 1866, at 6 per cent	250 00
“ Feb. 1, 1871, “ “	800 00
F. G. Crosby, “ 1, 1873, “ “	4,000 00
“ Aug. 10, 1874, “ “	1,000 00
Mary H. Thayer, Feb. 1, 1877, “ “	331 95
Interest	21 62
Mrs. N. W. Penniman, Nov. 24, 1868, at 6 per cent	500 00
Interest	5 50
Edwin Howard, June 30, 1871, at 6 per cent	900 00
Interest	31 65
Braintree Savings Bank, June 20, at 6 per cent	1,500 00
Interest	7 50
Trustees estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer:—	
Feb. 26, 1873, at 6 per cent.	10,000 00
March 7, 1874, “ “	10,000 00
May 18, 1874, “ “	2,000 00
West Boston Savings Bank:—	
July 24, 1875, five years, at 6 per cent	10,000 00
“ 24, 1875, seven “ “	5,000 00
“ 24, 1875, ten “ “	5,000 00
Asa French, guardian, Jan. 2, 1869	1,400 00
Interest	90 53
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	\$53,346 50

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the treasury	\$12,247 48
Due from D. H. Bates, collector, 1876	233 41
“ Joseph Dyer, “ 1877	3,135 76
“ interest collected	59 70
“ City of Boston	56 47
“ “ New Bedford	65 51
“ Town of Hingham	44 32
“ State	14 90
“ Town of Weymouth	92 81
“ State, State aid	1,117 80
“ Town of Methuen	3 00
“ “ Randolph	3 09
“ “ Weymouth	2 25
“ City of Chelsea	2 00
“ Josephus Shaw (town hall)	8 00
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	\$17,086 50
Town debt as per list	\$53,346 50
Less assets, as above	17,086 50
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	\$36,260 00
Net debt, Feb. 1, 1877	\$42,559 85
“ “ 1, 1878	36,260 00
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“ less than last year	\$6,299 85

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

BRAintree, Feb. 1, 1878.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF BRAINTREE:

The Trustees of the Thayer Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the past year:—

Library opened during the year, 253 days. Circulation of books, 13,919; average per day, 55+

Percentage of fiction . . . . .	.72
“ “ juvenile . . . . .	.09
“ “ higher order . . . . .	.19
Largest number loaned in any one day, March 24	258
Smallest “ “ “ “ Sept. 17	4
Whole number of volumes in library, upwards of	3,700
Number of books added during the year	621
“ “ borrowers	1,417
“ “ “ added during the yer	220

In conformity with the wish of the town, expressed at the last annual meeting, the library has been opened, since about the 1st of April, every

afternoon in the week (Sundays excepted), and Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

This plan has proved very satisfactory to those who have taken books, and will be continued if a sufficient sum (not exceeding the amount of appropriation last year) is appropriated by the town for that purpose.

The librarian has discharged her duties in the most faithful, efficient, and acceptable manner, while the watchful care of the janitor, Mr. Leonard, has contributed greatly to the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the library.

The treasurer's report is hereto appended.

For the Trustees,

ASA FRENCH, *Chairman.*

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 1, 1877 . . .	\$371 61
Town appropriation	450 00
“ treasurer, 1 year's interest, 6 per cent, \$10,000 . . .	600 00
From librarian, for fines	31 35
	<hr/> \$1,452 96

Expenditures.

Paid Estes & Lauriat for books	\$454 41
“ W. S. Robinson “ “	2 50
“ J. W. Robinson “ printing	2 50
“ J. W. Ripley “ binding	39 60
“ M. R. Warren “ add. catalogues and printing . . .	29 25
“ T. B. Stoddard “ painting, etc.	9 12
“ J. Farquhar & Sons, for slating roof	13 79
“ J. F. Sheppard “ coal	68 25
“ J. Loud & Co. “ “	13 19
“ Downer Ker. Oil Co. “ oil	9 20
“ Blake & Alden “ table	10 00
“ Morss & Whyte “ wire screen	46 25
“ Miss Abbie M. Arnold, librarian one year . . .	291 66
“ “ “ for cash paid for incidental expenses	8 31
“ Woodsum's Express	11 77
	<hr/> \$1,009 80

Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 1, 1878 \$443 16

N. F. T. HAYDEN, *Treasurer.*

FEB. 1, 1878.

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct, with proper vouchers for all payments.

ASA FRENCH, *For the Trustees.*

BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND REPORT.

JOSEPH DYER, *Treasurer.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$24 18	
Dividend from Quincy National Bank	.	.	.	.	.	.	80 00	
“ Weymouth “ “	.	.	.	.	.	.	84 00	
“ Eliot “ “	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00	
Taxes refunded	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 74	
Received for 16 cords wood	.	.	.	.	.	.	32 00	
Rent of almshouse and farm	.	.	.	.	.	.	200 00	
								\$468 92
Cash paid W. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3 45	
“ T. B. Stoddard	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 20	
“ estate of Joseph Dyer	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 60	
“ Town of Braintree, for repairs	.	.	.	.	.	.	42 00	
“ town treasurer	.	.	.	.	.	.	350 00	
Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	.	.	66 67	
								\$468 92

JOSEPH DYER, *Treasurer of School Fund.*

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Selectmen : —

I most respectfully submit the following report : —

The department is under the control of a chief and seven assistant engineers.

There are two hand engines with hose carriages attached, and one hook and ladder carriage.

The companies are full and consist of one hundred and twenty-five volunteers.

The several houses belonging to the department would be in good condition by adding a coat of paint to each of them.

The attention of the engineers was called to the unsafe condition of the Union Engine House, and have had a part of the foundation relaid and the building more thoroughly braced.

There have been bells and cupolas placed on each of the several houses.

There are belonging to the department 900 feet of reliable hose, 600 feet of unreliable hose, and 550 feet of condemned hose.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Union No. 1.

One engine and hose carriage, 200 feet rubber hose, 250 feet rubber lined hose, 300 feet of linen hose, 300 feet of condemned hose, 32 feet of suction hose, 5 pair spanner and belts, 2 wrenches, 2 stoves, 1 duster, 1 broom, 3 oil cans, 1 boiler, 1 jack, 2 axes, 1 coal hod, 3 fire ladders, 1 fire hook, 2 pails, 1 bursting strap, 8 settees, 8 chairs, 1 table, 8 lamps and fixtures, 6 spittoons, 4 buckets, 5 nozzles, pole for horses, 4 rubber coats and 5 caps, 1 ten-foot ladder.

Butcher Boy, No. 2.

One engine and hose carriage, 200 feet of rubber hose, 250 feet condemned hose, 250 feet rubber lined hose, 300 feet linén hose, 35 feet suction hose, 7 pairs spanner and belts, 2 stoves, 2 axes, 2 bursting straps, 10 settees, 8 chairs, 4 lanterns, 8 lamps and fixtures, 6 spittoons, 4 buckets, 5 nozzles, 2 fire ladders, 1 house ladder, pole for horses, 3 rubber coats, 1 duster, 1 broom, 1 oil can, 1 wrench, 1 boiler, 1 jack, 1 coal hod, 1 fountain pump, 1 crowbar.

Wampatuck Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

One carriage, 8 ladders, 6 hooks, 6 spittoons, 8 chairs, 10 settees, 2 stoves, 2 coal hods, 2 boilers, 2 oil cans, 22 buckets, 2 pumps, 6 dog hooks, 2 lanterns, 2 axes, 1 shovel, 1 broom, 1 dust-pan, 1 lever pole for horses.

SCHEDULE OF FIRES FOR 1877.

- June 2. A storehouse in South Braintree, owned by E. A. Hollingsworth. Value, \$300.00. Supposed cause, incendiary.
- Aug. 11. Shop and L of house in South Braintree, owned by Apollos Randall's heirs and Miss F. Randall. Value, \$5,000.00. Damage, \$1,200.00. Cause, unknown.
- Nov. 10. A dwelling of David Thayer, on West Street. Value, \$800.00. Cause, accidental.
- Nov. 15. Cottage house, valued at \$800.00, at White's Row, East Braintree. Damage, \$300.00. Supposed cause, accidental.

JOHN CAVANAGH,
Chief Engineer.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, greeting:—

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:—

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the town ways, highways, and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will accept the jury list as made by the selectmen.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars, and pay the same to Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration Day.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to appoint one or more special police officers, who shall be required to act as a night patrol for one year from the month of March ensuing, or until others are appointed and qualified in their stead, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will compensate N. M. Hobart for the loss he sustained in constructing the reservoir, near the Town House.

ART. 10. To see if the town will grant to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Braintree, the use of their hall once a week for temperance purposes.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take toward lighting its streets.

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding two hundred dollars, for the improvement of the cemetery on Plain Street.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to cause to be killed all unlicensed dogs, and also require all licensed dogs to be muzzled when running at large.

ART. 14. To see if the town will cause a well to be dug, and a pump placed therein, at the corner of Commercial and Howard Streets, near the house of Ebenezer C. Bowditch.

ART. 15. To see if the town will cause a pump and watering-trough to be placed at the well, near the corner of Middle and Union Streets.

ART. 16. To see if the town will furnish employment to the laboring men of the town by building a park around Little Pond and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

ART. 17. To see if the town will build one or more lock-ups and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 18. To choose any committee, to hear the report of any committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant at the usual public places in town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

ABIJAH ALLEN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Braintree.</i>
S. W. HOLLIS,		
DAVID H. BATES,		

JURY LIST

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN

Feb. 15, 1878.

Abijah Allen,
 Richard L. Arnold,
 George H. Arnold,
 Franklin E. Arnold,
 J. Frederic Allen,
 Patrick B. Anglim,
 David H. Bates,
 Elisha A. Belcher,
 Monroe Belcher,
 William P. Bird,
 George A. Bowditch,
 William H. Cobb,
 Simeon P. Cushing,
 F. Henry Crane,
 Luther O. Crocker,
 Samuel L. Dyer,
 E. Warner Dailey,
 Albion C. Drinkwater,
 Charles A. French,
 Thomas P. Fogg,
 N. Eugene Hollis,
 Joseph H. Hobart,
 C. Byron Hunt,
 William Hill,
 J. Parker Hayward,

Horace A. Jones,
 Arza B. Keith,
 William F. Locke,
 Paul J. Minchin,
 Alva S. Morrison,
 Elisha Morse,
 Charles Pratt,
 Marcus A. Perkins,
 William Reed,
 Henry W. Simonds,
 Joel F. Sheppard,
 James R. Smith,
 George A. Sproul,
 Josephus Sampson,
 Eben B. Tower,
 Charles Thayer,
 E. F. E. Thayer,
 Granville Thompson,
 Henry H. Thayer,
 Thomas B. Vinton,
 Henry M. White,
 Paul Wild,
 George D. Willis,
 George O. Wales.

MARRIAGES.

1877.			AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan.	1.	Charles H. Maxim,	23	Weymouth.	Fall River.
		Carrie F. Lincoln,	22	Weymouth.	Scituate.
	4.	Edward G. Stoddard,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Mary J. Rennie,	20	Braintree.	Braintree.
	6.	George E. Buker,	20	Braintree.	South Boston.
		Ella A. Cook,	20	Braintree.	Abington.
	7.	George S. Dyer,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Ida E. Sumner,	22	Braintree.	Foxboro'.
	7.	George B. Nash,	23	Quincy.	Weymouth.
		Eldora Abbott,	20	Braintree.	Boston.
	11.	George F. Rowell,	22	Weymouth.	Maine.
		Eunice E. Holbrook,	17	Braintree.	Randolph.
	17.	Henry M. Pratt,	21	Rockland.	Rockland.
		Alice M. Hollis,	18	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	20.	Thomas A. Kelly,	22	Braintree.	Ireland.
		Elizabeth Cohan,	19	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
Feb.	7.	Erastus A. Newton,	36	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Ellen F. Lund,	19	Braintree.	Andover.
	9.	James Kelly,	38	Braintree.	Ireland.
		Ellen Welsh,	45	Braintree.	Ireland.
	9.	William Garrity,	37	Braintree.	Ireland.
		Katie Callahan,	27	Braintree.	Quincy.
	11.	Louis Dislooviere,	27	Braintree.	Belgium.
		Catherine Hennigan,	24	Braintree.	Ireland.
Mar.	7.	Adoniram J. White,	42	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Emma P. Childs,	27	Newbury.	Gilmanton, N. H.
	14.	Lewis C. Thayer,	26	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Eunice J. Holbrook,	30	Braintree.	Randolph.
April	1.	Patrick Carroll,	21	Boston.	Ireland.
		Louisa Starr,	19	Braintree.	Ireland.
	4.	Henry H. Dyke,	20	Braintree.	Plymouth.
		Addie J. Willis,	18	Braintree.	Vermont.
	18.	N. Frederic T. Hayden,	29	Braintree.	Stoughton.
		Annie C. Badger,	22	Boston.	Boston.
May	7.	Walter T. Connell,	19	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Mary E. Finegan,	25	Braintree.	New York.
	24.	Albion H. Johnson,	37	Braintree.	Vienna, Me.
		Anna L. Arnold,	37	Braintree.	Braintree.
June	25.	Charles A. Dodge,	29	Braintree.	Danvers.
		Annie D. Murray,	28	Braintree.	New Brunswick.
July	1.	Leonard M. Hobart,	21	Hingham.	Hingham.
		Ruth A. Rogers,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
	11.	Jacob Dexheimer, Jr.,	21	Braintree.	Boston.
		Jeannette Lowson,	18	Braintree.	Andover.
	18.	James F. Higgins,	22	Braintree.	Ireland.
		Rosanna E. Reynolds,	22	Braintree.	Ireland .

July 20.	Augustus H. Peterson,	30	Brockton.	Sweden.
	Susie K. Fogg,	24	Braintree.	Braintree.
Aug. 4.	Henry A. Dodd,	38	New Haven, Ct.	Plymouth, Ct.
	Mary E. Tate,	38	Boston.	Newton.
Sep. 20.	Hosea B. Hayden, 2d,	34	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Ann M. Hayden,	33	Braintree.	Randolph.
23.	Walter Bradford,	28	Brockton.	Braintree.
	Clement. P. Fletcher,	27	Brockton.	Brockton.
Oct. 3.	Charles C. Fisher,	22	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Annette B. Thayer,	18	Braintree.	Hanson.
14.	N. Morton Hobart,	52	Braintree.	Braintree.
	A. Frances Perkins,	33	Braintree.	Braintree.
16.	George C. Rockwood,	20	Weymouth.	Halifax, Vt.
	Hattie L. Baker,	18	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
17.	Noah G. Torrey,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Cora E. Baker,	18	Braintree.	Middleboro'.
18.	Thacher F. White,	23	Braintree.	Abington.
	Mary E. Hill,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
Nov. 7.	Louis B Voorhees,	30	Worcester.	New Jersey.
	Harriet B. Pratt,	23	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
Dec. 1.	William J. Dana,	21	Braintree.	Roxbury.
	Harriet D. Snow,	33	Braintree.	Braintree.
8.	Frederic G. Leavitt,	19	Braintree.	Quincy.
	Eva M. Moulton,	23	Boston.	Amherst.
19.	Henry L. Thayer,	25	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Ida M. Hollis,	20	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
31.	R. Henry Woodsum,	22	Braintree.	Randolph.
	Ida A. Torrey,	18	Braintree.	Weymouth.
May 8.	Michael McCormick,	30	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Mary Connolly,	25	Braintree.	Ireland.
Feb. 4.	Maurice G. Willey,	23	Quincy.	Quincy.
	Annie J. McNair,	18	Braintree.	Randolph.

BIRTHS.

1876.		
April 15.	Blanch Gertrude Smith,	William H. and Lydia F.
Aug. 28.	Alice May Hanson,	Edwin A. and Lydia J.
1877.		
Jan. 4.	Catherine Elizabeth Maher,	James and Mary F.
8.	John Henry Kirby,	John H. and Annie.
17.	Richard Ward Childs,	J. Ward and Phebe A.
<u>21.</u>	Lizzie Hollis Mann,	Charles H. and Susan E.
27.	Benjamin Oscar Hafley,	Oscar and Fannie.
29.	Charles Edward Maguire,	Patrick F. and Ellen.
29.	Gallivan,	Honora.
	Kelly,	Thomas A. and Elizabeth.
Feb. 3.	Fred Morrison French,	Francis and Ella E.
4.	Emily Smith Young,	James W. and Amelia A.
7.	Herbert Allison Morse,	William B. and Elizabeth V.

Feb	9.	Emma Florence Loring,	Robert M. and Sarah E.
	10.	John Emerson Arnold,	George H. and Mary P.
	11.	Cora Lillian Chandler,	Edgar W. and Elizabeth R.
	13.	Joseph Edward Ludden,	George E. and Eliza J.
	18.	John Philip McManus,	Patrick and Anna.
	22.	Nellie Theresa Dennehy,	Jeremiah and Hannah.
	26.	Cora Amelia Ratcliffe,	John W. and Christine.
Mar.	7.	Tracy Morrison Smith,	James R. and Mary F.
	8.	Edwin Hewitt Loud,	Byron W. and Nancy C. M.
	18.	Lewis Powell Hill,	John L. and Elizabeth S. C. T.
Apr.	5.	Freeman Whitmarsh,	Samuel E. and Delia T.
	11.	Ernest Leonard Morrison,	I. Plummer and Mary S.
	14.	Henry Gelinos,	Henry and Emma.
	21.	Mary Ann McDonald,	Alexander and Margaret.
	23.	George Benjamin Luther,	George A. and Annie.
	27.	James Downes,	John and Annie.
	29.	Francis Edward Lynch,	Patrick and Mary.
		Richard Fearing Mead,	Charles A. and Mary S.
		Willie Hague Lochman,	J. E. and Hattie M.
May	9.	George Washington Thayer,	James H. and Mary F.
	11.	George Alvan Call,	Merrill T. and Adelaide L.
	13.	Eva Eldora Nash,	George B. and Eldora.
	14.	Bessie May Gage,	William L. and Mary E.
	16.	Bertie Kent Monk,	Henry A. and Emma J.
	17.	Ericsson St. John Johnson,	Henry A. and Lizzie H.
	23.	Carrie Blanche Willey,	Maurice and Jennie.
	31.	Mary Louise Thayer,	Nathaniel F. and Mary A.
	31.	Samuel Augustus Huff,	Edward and Lucy J.
June	8.	Helen Louisa Gore Howe,	Frank G. and Caroline N.
	16.	Lilly Brooks,	Frederic and Elizabeth.
		Elizabeth Gillespie,	Robert and Ellen.
	28.	Lizzie Estella Hayden,	William and Abbie M.
	28.	Eva Belisle Allen,	Frank C. and Frances H.
July	2.	Harry Alexander Reynolds.	Frank H. and Janette.
	4.	Winnie McNeil,	James and Mary.
	7.	Edward Eugene Crocker,	Eugene and Lydia J.
	8.	Mabel Florence Snow,	Henry H. and Mary E.
	11.	Minnie Florence Miller,	Joseph S. and Rebecca.
	12.	Henry Hawkes,	Henry A. and Mary E.
	14.	Otis Bacon Sims,	Andrew J. and Kate L.
	17.	Isabel Louise Penniman,	Henry A. and Ellen A.
	21.	Mary Snow Knight,	Bradford G. and Mary S.
	25.	Edith Carleton Stoddard,	Willie H. and Mary L.
Aug.	3.	Jeremiah Dalton,	Thomas J. and Mary A.
	5.	Jesse Clarence Alden,	George A. and Elizabeth E.
	5.	Daniel Ahearn,	James and Maria.
	11.	Nettie Morse Fallon,	Thomas and Adeline E.
	13.	Charles Hibbard French,	George G. and Ella F.
	13.	Hiram Hayden,	Edgar and Mary A.
	23.	Arthur Bates French,	S. S. B. and Jennie C.

Sept.	1.	Alice Leona Richardson,	Herbert W. and Sarah F.
	9.	Philip Doherty,	Daniel and Elizabeth.
	14.	——— Hayden,	Nelson E. and Mary.
	19.	Margaret H. Sullivan,	Patrick and Johanna.
	28.	Henry Ernest Southworth,	Alfred and Lucy M.
Oct.	7.	George Byron Dexheimer,	Jacob, Jr., and Jeannette.
	8.	William Hunter McGregor,	William and Mary.
	9.	Rose Francis Havey,	Andrew and Mary.
	22.	Stephen McAndrew,	John H. and Jemima.
	23.	Wilfred Henry Barnes,	Luther R. and Elizabeth A.
	29.	Ernest Clifton Vaughan,	Robert and Ellen A.
Nov.	11.	Catherine Elizabeth Gallivan,	Morto and Julia.
	19.	Ernest Augustus Vinton,	Elmer H. and Lucy C.
	19.	Daniel Landry,	Coston and Mary.
	20.	<i>Hand</i> McDowell,	William and Annie.
	26.	Ida Eunice Hollis,	George E. and Loella A.
	27.	Arthur Griffin,	Michael and Margaret.
	29.	<i>Hand</i> Holbrook,	George H. and Sadie E.
Dec.	2.	<i>Hand</i> Pitkin,	Charles A. and Kittie W.
	14.	Lillian Gertrude Pratt,	Henry O. and Maria L.
	19.	Laura Frances Allen,	William and Emma F.
	20.	George Edward Sampson,	Thomas W. and M. Jennie.
	23.	Holbrook,	Charles F. and Susan A.
	26.	Arthur Joseph Cavanagh,	John and Annie M.
	28.	Rose Edith Holbrook,	Josiah F. and Dorothy E.

DEATHS.

1876.			Yrs.	M.	D.	
July	3.	William Kendall Dyer,	29	7	28	Consumption.
1877.						
Jan.	1.	Mary Hearsey,	65			Uremia.
	3.	John Phelon,	51	2	8	Consumption.
	12.	Herbert E. Jackson,		3	10	Inflammation of Bowels.
	17.	Maria J. Carver.	26			Consumption.
	20.	Barnabas F. Arnold,	76	1	6	Paralysis.
Feb.	3.	Susan E. Mann,	19	10	3	Puerperal Fever.
	12.	Joseph Dyer,	79		16	Bright's Disease Kidneys.
	18.	Mary A. Mills,	65	9	12	Cancer.
	20.	Adeline Mellus,	65	4	11	Dropsy.
	22.	Martha H. King,	38	5	18	Inflammation of Bowels.
	26.	Alice Buker,	18	7	14	Childbirth.
Mar.	3.	John H. Thayer,	72	7		Pleuro Pneumonia.
	8.	Fidelia G. Hunt,	54	2		Consumption.
	19.	Granville H. Mansfield,		10	11	Consumption.
	21.	Charles E. Hunt,	1			Croup.
	27.	Elton W. Dana,	2	11	16	Croup.
	28.	Ira Bates,	84	5	14	Old Age.
April	5.	Livia D. Wild,	84	1	15	Old Age.

April	8.	McFarland,				Still-born.
	12.	Smith,				Still-born.
May	13.	Richard H. Randall,	56	5	26	Consumption.
	16.	Frank P. Morrison,	5			Diphtheria.
	19.	John L. Cunningham,	76	11		Chronic Infl. of Stomach.
	20.	Elisha Wild,	83	4	7	Chronic Catarrh.
	21.	Rutherford H. Holbrook,	1		10	Consumption.
	27.	Eva E. Nash,			13	Infantile.
	28.	Deliverance Thayer,	92		14	Old Age.
	30.	John Gorman,	34	9		Consumption.
	30.	Albert O. McDonald,	4	6	2	Diphtheria.
	31.	Maria B. Humphrey,	72	11	9	Consumption.
June	1.	Arthur B. Thompson,	12	11	25	Drowned.
	8.	Theodore Walsh,	29	7	11	Inflammation of Bowels.
	13.	Gertrude J. Bannon,		7	4	Congestion of Lungs.
	24.	Julia Doherty,	28	10		Congestion of Brain.
July	4.	Allen Edson,	86	4	18	Old Age.
	18.	James Carrigan,	49			Accidental Poisoning.
	21.	Mary S. Knight,	26	1	21	Convulsions.
	28.	Harriet L. Hayward,	41	6		Consumption.
	31.	Joseph Jenkins,	50	1	28	Consumption.
	31.	Lydia Mann,	94	10	10	Old Age.
Aug.	27.	Joseph Chandler,		8	8	Cholera Infantum.
Sept.	1.	Lillian W. Jones,		10		Cholera Infantum.
	4.	Blanche G. Smith,	1	5	11	Cholera Infantum.
	4.	Louisa Jones,	67	6	3	Cancer.
	6.	Fred M. French,		7	3	Scrofula.
	23.	Quinn,				Still-born.
	25.	Rufus Sherman,	71			Typhoid Dysentery.
	26.	Margaret H. Sullivan,			7	Convulsions.
Oct.	6.	Elisha French,	80	4	29	Heart Disease.
	6.	Albert N. Tellier,	1	2	2	Cholera Infantum.
	15.	Alfred E. Spear,	1	5	18	Spinal Meningitis.
	17.	Francis O. D. Phillips,	62	3	8	Paralysis.
	17.	Charles O. Allen,	19	9	24	Bright's Disease Kidneys.
	17.	Samuel A. Huff,		4	17	Consumption.
	19.	Adeline M. Dugey,	20	6	4	Consumption.
	20.	Sarah A. B. Hobart,	24	4	6	Typhoid Fever.
	28.	Thomas Henderson,	22	8	25	Consumption.
	30.	Addie I. Dale,	1	1	15	Typhoid Dysentery.
	31.	Herbert E. Crocker,	1	9	14	Congestion of Lungs.
Nov.	3.	Sophia Houghton,	70	4	8	Typhoid Fever.
	5.	Mary A. Hayden,	32	7	2	Consumption.
	8.	Ellen Dugey,	43			Pyelitis.
	25.	Catherine L. I. Pierce.	25	1	5	Hepatitis.
	27.	Patrick King,	60			Consumption.
	27.	Ann Fisher,	67	9	4	Typhoid Fever.
Dec.	3.	Levi W. Hobart,	54	9	16	Myelitis.
	4.	Chester W. Holbrook,	4	2	2	Diphtheria.

Dec	5.	Ernest L. Huff,	6	10	2	Diphtheria.
	14.	Lydia Clark,	90	10	19	Typhoid Pneumonia.
	18.	Hiram Hayden,		4	5	Consumption.
	21.	Michael Nolan,	60			Pneumonia.
	22.	McCormick,				Still-born.
	22.	Charles O. Ring,	30	5	22	Railroad Accident.
	28.	Joseph Benjamin,	2	2	22	Scrofula.
	31.	John Daland,	44	7	15	Pneumonia.

The Town Clerk requests that he may be notified of all errors or omissions.

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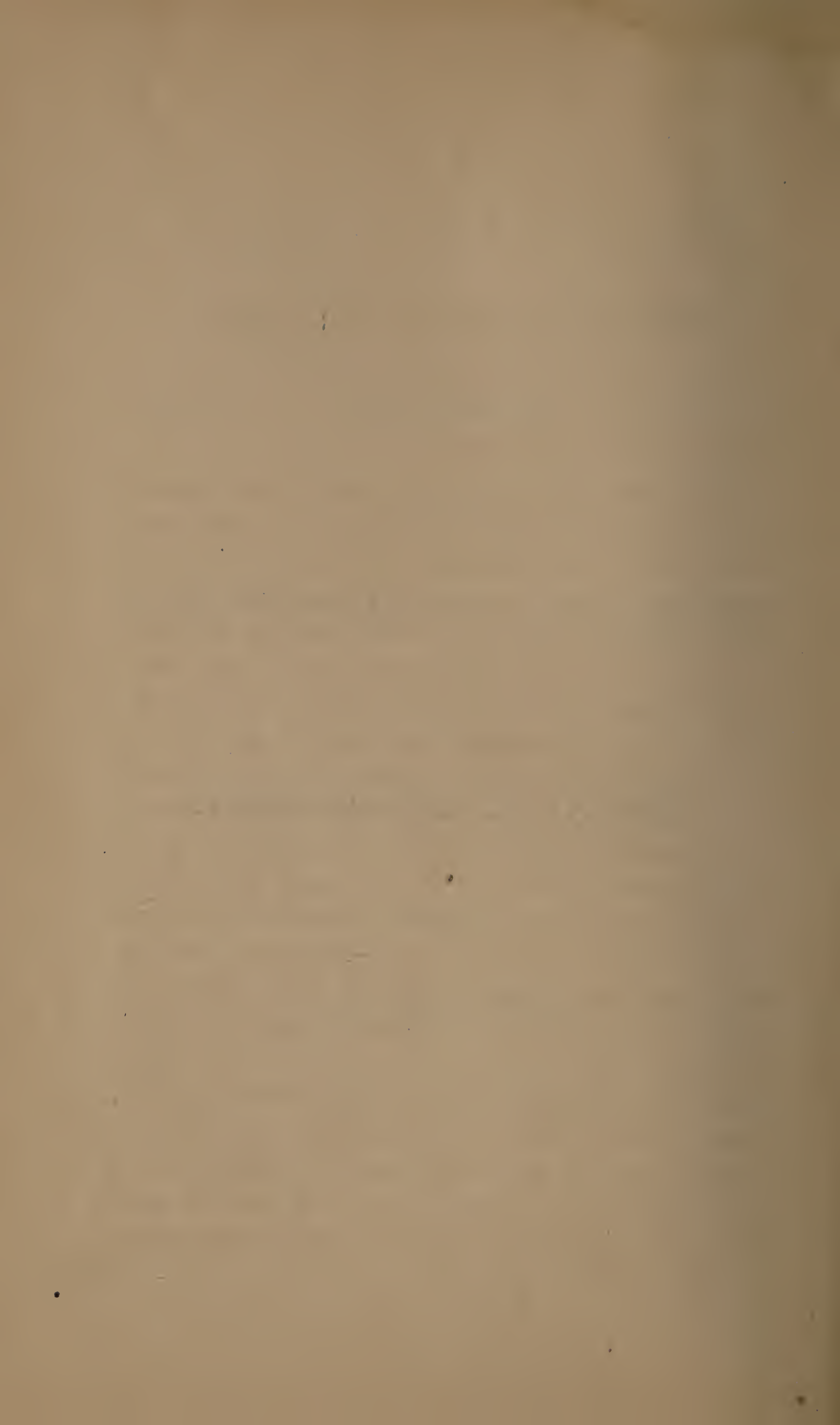
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1877-8.



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Braintree:

Your committee respectfully submit their annual report, together with such remarks and recommendations as their connection with the schools has suggested, and which they deem of importance to the town's most vital interest, — the education of those into whose hands the management of its affairs must soon fall, and who so soon will constitute the "town."

The town of Braintree has provided its schools with substantial and convenient houses; has furnished the same with all the comforts and appliances necessary for effective work; and has in its employ a corps of competent teachers. As a supplement to its schools, it possesses a valuable library in which all departments of literature are represented; and in their midst towers the Thayer Academy, which, we are proud to believe, will be made second to none in the State.

When we compare the present condition of the town, in regard to these things, with that of even twenty-five years ago, there is found justification for a good degree of honest pride; and our children have reasons for gratitude, which, however, they never

can appreciate as do their parents, who daily experience deficiencies from which they hope, by these means, to preserve their offspring.

To fully improve these advantages, and thereby render the town's investments therein useful and profitable, will require much labor on the part of school officers, pupils, and all concerned. Like charity, this labor must begin at home, and the mind of the little one, before it leaves its mother's side, must be in some degree prepared for the restraints and labors of the school-room, and all through its school-life the parental vigilance must guard it from the easily besetting sins of idleness, truancy, and the rudeness of the street. And as you love your children, as you hope to make of them such men and such women as will be able to stand bravely up in the battle of life, seek not to shield them too carefully from contact with the world by instruction at home or in private institutions, but send them into the common schools, and then make it your business to see that those schools are what they should be. To do this, you must visit the schools; show by your presence that you feel an interest in the welfare of your children; notice how they stand in their classes; consult with the teachers in regard to their lessons, and particularly in regard to their deportment; sustain the proper exercise of the teachers' authority on all occasions; and if, having done all this with a conscientious desire to see things just as they really are, you feel that the school is not what you have a reasonable right to expect it to be,

go to your committee, state fairly your convictions, and ask that a remedy may be applied.

Entering the primary school, or the primer-class in the mixed schools, the child takes one of the most important steps in its educational life; and the teacher who can take this child, in its innocence and ignorance, and instil into its mind, thoroughly and correctly, those rudiments of knowledge suitable for its age and capacity, and secures its obedience without generating a distaste for the school-room and study, nobly seconds the efforts of its parents and deserves well at our hands. To be a *perfect* teacher in this department, — to be a step-mother to a family so numerous and so dissimilar in character and temperament, with all a real mother's love, and a judgment unbiassed by that love, seeking the best good of each and all, equally, would be a wonder indeed! And he who thinks that every girl who graduates from a high school can fulfil all these conditions labors under a most egregious mistake. In fact, to this misconception of the importance and of the delicate requirements of the position occupied by the teachers of the so-called lower grades, many of the shortcomings of our higher schools may be traced.

The fact that a majority of our boys must leave the school for the shop or farm by the time they are sixteen, shows the necessity of making a good beginning in the primary grade, and of rapid and thorough work in each succeeding one, or they will not have time to enjoy the benefits of our higher institutions. This

consideration should induce great diligence, on the part of both teachers and pupils, that no promotions be missed, or steps need retracing.

Being "put back," or, rather, being in that condition which makes it necessary for a scholar, whose time is thus limited, to do a year's work over again, is a sad misfortune; but still worse would it be if allowed to pass on, skipping and halting over the course until the graduation day, and out into the world with nothing learned well, nothing so fixed in his mind that he knows where to find it when wanted.

We believe in the importance of the High School, and would have it considered the right and heritage of every child in the town; but we must consider that it has its specific work to perform, and an attempt to force the business of the lower grades into this, endangers the object for which it was instituted, and is as unreasonable as it would be to reverse the order of attack and seek to introduce the work of the High School into the Primary.

We are aware that much work *is* done in the High School which should have been completed before entering its doors; and also of the still more lamentable fact that many, by entering therein, lose their last opportunity of gaining much of the most essential knowledge which it is the province of our schools to impart. This is wrong, and indicates some fault in our system of promotion or a charitable *weakness* on the part of the committee.

We confess to a consciousness of having erred in this respect. Individual scholars, and even whole classes, have been allowed to pass without proper preparation from one grade to another, in the hope, and on the promise, that little deficiencies would be made up by extra exertion. Sometimes, also, the crowded condition of the lower schools has compelled this course, and thus an irreparable wrong has been done the child.

In the Primary schools, we expect considerable progress to be made in learning to read and spell. The multiplication table should be learned, and some simple work in other rules in arithmetic performed. Much of this should be, and in our schools, to a considerable extent, is, done by the oral method of teaching. By this method we find that our teachers often communicate ideas and principles in advance of anything an author would consider suitable for insertion in a primary arithmetic. We advise, however, the use of a book in connection with it, in order to habituate the scholar to the use of books and to insure correctness.

In the intermediate grades, the impetus gained in the Primary should be kept up and much solid work accomplished. The pupil should be taught to read and spell, understandingly and well; the smaller geography should be finished, and written arithmetic commenced. In this, as in all the other schools, we wish to see a fair amount of attention paid to the art of free-hand drawing. Especially is this desirable in

connection with the study of geography. A map carefully drawn on the blackboard, or on paper, is at the same time fixed on the tablets of the mind in a manner which no time can erase.

While speaking of the Intermediate schools, we wish to say that there exists an inequality in the grade of the several schools of this class, and, as a consequence, in the Grammar schools also. In the Union and Ironworks Schools there are but two classes, or, in other words, the scholars stay but two years in this grade, while in the Pond School they remain three years. This, in effect, places the Pond Grammar a degree (one year) higher in the scale than the others, and of course makes it appear to better advantage. We have this matter under consideration, and if, on the whole, the latter appears to be the better plan, we shall equalize the grade by not sending up the usual classes, next summer, from the Union and Ironworks Intermediate Schools.

With the third year spent in this grade, the classes should be pushed well into, or through, common fractions in the written arithmetic, and be given, as time permits, some oral instruction in the elements of grammar. By this remark, we mean as a regular class exercise, and not that this is to be the first introduction of this important science to the school; for we claim that practical grammar—the correct use of language—should be an ever-present study in every school. The simplest talk of the primary teacher should be a model of correctness for the infant ear,

and the lisping voices, in the youngest class, should be gently guided in the same path.

The faithful scholar should now be well prepared to enter the Grammar School. This school should be in reality, as well as in name, a Grammar School. The scientific study of the use and structure of the English language should be the business of every class; and in connection therewith they should advance from the formation of simple sentences to the highest attainable skill in the art of composition,—by which we mean the art of *thinking* and giving the thought correct written expression, with due regard to punctuation and the use of capital letters.

In other studies, also, as this is the grade from which the majority of our scholars pass forth into the world, the teacher should aim, not only to fit classes for the High School, but to give all a good practical, well-balanced education. Particular attention should be bestowed upon those branches most intimately connected with the every-day business of life, and the faithful teacher will even consider the special needs of each individual, and, as far as is possible, make provision for the same. As an illustration of how this may be done, we will relate a little incident which came under the observation of one of the board while visiting one of our schools. The teacher was noticed to be giving one large boy special instruction in duodecimals. As this rule has been sometimes rather neglected, and even entirely passed over by some of our teachers, the circumstance was inquired

into, and it was learned that the boy was soon to leave school to commence work at chopping wood by the cord, and the teacher was determined that he should know how to measure his work, however deficient he might be in other things.

As the study of American history does not appear in the course prescribed for the High School, this should be so far attended to in the Grammar and mixed schools, that our youth may receive a good general knowledge of all important events, from the first discovery of the New World to the present time. The utmost attempted by many of our teachers has been to get their classes as far as the close of the American Revolution, leaving the rest a blank; often the labor bestowed on that portion was as great as should have been expended on the whole. Much that the historian writes, many of the dates he mentions, are of no especial importance, serving only to preserve the connection, and should receive no more study than is due the records of similar events happening now, and found in the columns of a reliable newspaper. It is the province of the teacher to point out those events which seem to have exerted a direct and important influence upon the history of the country, and whose dates are therefore worth the labor of committing to memory. To know the dates and incidents of every little scalping party in the old French and Indian wars, and not to know who have been our Presidents; that there was a second war with Great Britain; a war with Mexico,

giving California and its gold; a civil war, with emancipation as a consequence, — comes not up to our idea of the amount of historical knowledge to which our children are entitled, or that we consider sufficient to fit them for intelligent citizenship.

If properly prepared before entering the Grammar School, it does seem that the two or three years usually spent there ought to carry a scholar of even the most ordinary capacity through the mental and written arithmetics, and the geography now in use. Reasonable as these expectations appear, they are seldom or never realized. Why this is, is the question we are anxiously considering.

One thing our scholars seem to lack, one thing our teachers fail to teach: it is to *study*. Some men cannot set their own hands at work, and keep them so, without an overseer. Such will seldom achieve remarkable success in business. So of the mind: if not naturally capable, or if it is not taught the art of fixing its energies upon the work before it, resolutely and untiringly, until its task is done, no great success is possible. Does not this lack of studiousness afford the key to the solution of the question?

Answering the latter query in the affirmative, we do not wish to be unjustly severe. We are aware that it does not apply with equal force to every school or teacher, to every class in any school, or even to every individual member of any class; yet we feel that every one may profitably take home the question, "Have I made the most of my opportunities?" or "Have I faithfully performed my duty in this respect?"

We know, too, that in every school there are various hindrances to progress which are in a measure inevitable, and in large classes practically insurmountable. All are not constituted alike, — some learn quickly, some with difficulty, — yet all must move together. Too often the irregular attendance of a portion of a class checks the progress of all and nullifies the best efforts of the teacher. Some active intellects, inhabiting feeble bodies, may need repression; some, weak in body and imbecile in mind, will not bear urging; and parents and physicians, aware of such cases, should aid the judgment of the teacher by giving notice of them, that no injury be done.

Each year the competition in business becomes more keen, more science is applied; and, without knowledge, the candidate for wealth, honor, or success, in any department of life, will fail.

New England can only maintain her present position and influence in the country by intelligent and skilful artisanship, which, and which only, can afford to employ her capital in competition with more favored sections. Science in the employ of commerce and manufactures gave us rapid and cheap communication with the coal mines of Pennsylvania and the grain fields of the West. As a consequence, our cities grew rich and powerful, our villages grew to cities, and the land resounded with the scream of the engine and the rattle of machinery. But slumbering agriculture languished in its ignorance and apathy. The farmers' boys swarmed into the vil-

lages, and the old men bought their corn and let the bushes grow around the rocks in their mowing fields; and forests again covered plains and hills where once waved the golden maize, or grazed the flocks that fed and clothed the honest yeomanry of the olden time. Bone and muscle alone cannot compete with the virgin soil and boundless area of the West, but, aided by science, much may be done toward preserving New England from becoming again the wilderness our fathers found it, and towards retaining at home that still numerous class who love the occupation and *will be* farmers, either here or elsewhere. Let us, then, supplement the bone and muscle with educated brains, and New England agriculture may still have a future.

This knowledge cannot be bought; there is no royal road by which it can be obtained. The kingly father may provide for the prince-child the most expensive school equipments and the most learned and devoted teachers, but the real work must be done by the child. So the town, after having provided all the facilities which we have mentioned, for the use and assistance of the schools, may see all wasted and unavailing, if the children are not early trained to habits of industry, and led betimes to a love of knowledge for its own sake and *for its money value*.

A teacher may be so perfect as a disciplinarian as to secure the most studious application on the part of the pupil, simply as a matter of obedience. A class taught on this principle may pass a creditable exam-

ination, but if it leaves the school-room as the laborer leaves his task at close of day, with but a sense of relief, with no desire for more knowledge, and no capacity for self-improvement developed in the minds of its members, then that teacher fails to attain to the full measure of a teacher's duty.

The attendance in the several schools has varied, as usual, with the location, and also from various accidental causes which are unavoidable, as sickness, etc. Several schools have been troubled by the prevalence of some of those disorders which afflict the juvenile population. Some teachers, either by their own tact and management, or by the more efficient co-operation of the parents, show better records than others. We wish the parents would more generally co-operate with the teachers in this matter of regular and punctual attendance. In no way can they render more effectual aid. Too many manifest an indifference, positively, if not technically, criminal.

If all would consider the amount of evil that is done the child, and to the school with which it is connected, by the weak indulgence of the indolent whim which causes it to ask to stay from school, — if all would consider that time once lost can never be regained, that bad habits formed in youth are seldom reformed, there would be fewer marks of absence and tardiness on our teachers' registers, and more prompt acting and prompt paying men and women in the world.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The committee have just had the pleasure of giving diplomas to the largest class that ever graduated from this school. We take this as an evidence of the growing appreciation in the minds of our citizens, not only of the value of this school in a general way, but of the importance of giving their children the benefit of the full course. Too many make great exertion to effect an entrance for their children, who seem to care but little about the length of time they may continue there, or what they accomplish while within its walls. The examination by the committee in the morning was creditable to school and teachers, and the afternoon exhibition realized the expectations of the crowd of friendly witnesses.

The capability and faithfulness of the teachers of this school are unquestionable, and the appearance of the school during the occasional visits of the committee has ever been satisfactory; but the fact that some of the studies, arranged for a term or year, have not been completed in the allotted time, would seem to indicate a lack of diligence and a want of appreciation on the part of several classes, of the advantages they are enjoying, which is the reverse of commendable. As much of the time of the short daily session of this school must be occupied in recitations, of course, in order to make good progress, much of the preparatory study must be done at home. Parents should interest themselves sufficiently to see

that this is faithfully performed, and by thus co-operating with the teachers much more will be accomplished.

At the examination of candidates for admission last summer, the papers presented afforded considerable evidence of the improvement which we claim is being made in our schools. It sometimes happens that a candidate blessed with a ready memory, attains the requisite percentage by excellence in spelling, history, and geography, while in arithmetic and grammar, which seem to require more exercise of the reasoning faculties, he may be lamentably deficient. Admission under such circumstances is an unmitigated evil to scholar and school; and it is the opinion of the present board that at least fifty per cent should be required in those branches, whatever may be the attainments in the others.

We are glad to be able to report that more attention is being paid to the art of composition and to reading and declamation, than formerly, the benefits of which we hope to see illustrated at future exhibitions by a larger proportion of original essays.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The schools of this grade, three in number, have been the objects and recipients of much solicitude and a large amount of attention, on the part of your committee, during the past year. Several changes of teachers have been deemed expedient, and we think that the

present organization of the schools is as nearly satisfactory as we may expect to attain with the means at our disposal.

The North or Union School, which, from various causes, has been, relatively speaking, losing ground for several years, is now in the care of a teacher well known and honored in our town, a veteran of thirty years' experience, who we believe is rapidly bringing it up to a position which will give occasion for its compeers to look well to their laurels. We wish more of the parents could have been present at the closing examination, for we hardly believe that their minds could have remained proof against the contagious spirit of returning life and interested attention which now pervades the school.

The presence of interested visitors, not only on examination days, but at all times during the year, would be equally useful in all the other schools, and if at any point there exists a lack of animation or interest, nothing better can be devised for promoting a healthier condition.

While we look to the High School for the highest individual results, it is from the Grammar Schools that we expect the largest aggregate of returns for the money and labor expended by the town for schooling. Such being the case, while we cheerfully express much satisfaction with the present condition of these schools, we shall relax no attention, but ever urge teachers and scholars to the improvement of every means of progress, and to an untiring diligence

which will redound to the credit of all concerned, make profitable the town's expenditures, and educate a generation in whose intelligent care we may safely intrust the welfare of the future schools of Braintree.

THE MIXED OR UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

These schools have been in the care of their present teachers for several years, and from this permanency has grown an adaptation of the person to the place and of the school to the teacher, which insures harmony, if not the greatest possible efficiency. Several of them are getting to be among the largest in town, and two have already outgrown their accommodations.

The teachers labor earnestly, and often a feverish anxiety to have their higher classes equal in attainments those of the Grammar Schools, is apparent. In this they often succeed.

Absentism is the especial curse of these schools; much of it is probably unavoidable, but we are convinced that, had we made as faithful use of the powers the law places in our hands as we might have done, the registers would have looked better. We hope to show by our works another year that our repentance is sincere.

INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

No changes have occurred among the teachers of these grades. All are doing very good work, though a variety of methods is pursued and different degrees

of success are attained. Another year's observation has further confirmed us in the opinion that the method of teaching the young to read by word, instead of by the alphabet, is an improvement, and should be adopted by those teachers having charge of such classes.

We believe that more rapid progress is made where this plan is being tried, that the style of reading is more natural, and that the disagreeable monotone, which is so difficult for teachers with the old method to break up, is less likely to be contracted.

TEXT BOOKS.

In addition to the Readers already in use in the lower grades, we decided, at the beginning of the last term, to introduce, in the new classes then being formed, the first three of the Franklin Series of Readers. This has proven of advantage to those who have used them, and also economy, pecuniarily, as, at introduction prices, the new books cost less than the others. Encouraged by our experience with these, we think it probable that we may, in the coming year, proceed further and introduce the fourth of the same or another series in the more advanced classes.

In putting these books into the schools, it is not intended to throw out, at once, those already in use, but by placing them in new classes in competition with the others, we can judge fairly of their merits,

and, if they prove better, no new books of the old series will be purchased, and thus they will gradually wear out and disappear; while if they fail to prove satisfactory, we can fall back on the old.

This question of text-books is a vexatious one. None of them seem exactly adapted to the wants of our schools, and until our teachers become entirely emancipated from a servile adherence to text-book forms and verbatim recitations, the question will recur with various degrees of aggravation.

Let us illustrate our meaning, that we may not be misunderstood. A class having made some progress in mental arithmetic, the teacher sets them at work on the black-board, or places examples on the board for them to do on their slates. In this way, with oral instruction, most of our young classes acquire a knowledge of the fundamental rules of arithmetic. Now, if this work is well done, when the written arithmetic is taken up, we don't believe it is necessary to spend months laboring over similar examples, simply because they are in the book, and in which a single mistake may cause a day's delay of a whole class; but, after a searching examination in regard to *principles*, and the solving of a few test problems, we would keep the class awake by moving ahead to something new.

The text-book is necessary to preserve accuracy on the part of teacher and class; but the teacher can tell, better than any author or publisher, the amount of drill each particular class may require.

SCHOOLHOUSES AND YARDS.

The houses are generally in good repair, and probably no large appropriations will be required on their account the coming year.

The cupola on the Union house, on account of some defect in the construction, admits the storms to such an extent as to seriously damage the plastering of the room immediately under it. The expenditure of fifty dollars would probably remedy the trouble.

The yards of the southeast, southwest, and west need, for the comfort of the schools and the preservation of the buildings, a small expenditure for grading, say twenty-five dollars at each.

One of the owners of the land adjoining the lot of the Middle Street School enters complaint against the fence which separates the yard from his land. As the fence is much decayed and broken down, there appears to be reasonable cause for complaint. About seventy-five dollars would be necessary to rebuild it.

We recommend the appropriation of \$200 for the above-named purposes.

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